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EXAMINER:

APPLICANT: Wheatley, Alan J.

**Fourth  
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AMENDMENT**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above application, Applicant requests entry of this fourth preliminary amendment. No additional claim fee is due, as discussed herein.

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 4, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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